

NATIONAL  
APPRENTICESHIP  
WEEK 2026

9-15 FEBRUARY 2026

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GORDON'S SCHOOL

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**National Apprenticeship Week 2026 has arrived!**

- The annual week-long celebration taking place across England is an opportunity for Gordon's to shine a light on Careers in school to elicit conversations and encourage curiosity. As the less familiar pathway there will be an emphasis on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and support businesses to develop a talented workforce that is equipped with future-ready skills.
- A full schedule of events is planned for students and parents including the Careers Keynote Speaker series at 4pm in the Chapel. Students are permitted to miss their scheduled P7 if they choose to attend but must sign up via the links provided. Parents are also encouraged to attend the public events including the Careers Fair but must sign up in advance.

**Please read on to find out more.....**



# EVENTS SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>TUTOR TIME</b> 8:20AM – 8:40AM		Amazing Apprenticeships Year 12	Introducing Apprenticeships and T Levels Year 8 & 9	Introducing Apprenticeships and T Levels Year 7	Amazing Apprenticeships Year 10 & 11
<b>KEY EVENTS</b>	<b>Careers in the Curriculum</b> Supporting Post 16 Pathways Year 10 Functional Skills	<p><b>The National Apprenticeship Show</b> 10am – 12pm at Sandown Park</p> <p>Open to Year 12 and 13 students only <a href="#">SIGN UP HERE</a></p> <p><b>Dine and Discuss with Eleanor Garland, Station Executive for BBC Radio 4</b> 6pm – 8pm in REC</p> <p>Building Cultural Capital Year 12 Invitation Only</p>	<p><b>Gordon's School Careers Fair</b> 1:45pm – 4:30pm in Wynter Bee Theatre</p> <p>Scheduled for all students in Years 7-13 30+ Exhibitors representing industry and education providers.</p> <p>Parents and invited guests are able to attend from 3:30pm – 4pm <a href="#">PARENT SIGN UP HERE</a></p>	<p><b>Year 10 Speed Networking</b> 1:45pm – 3:35pm in Wynter Bee Theatre</p> <p>A fun, fast paced event supporting students to build confidence, practice communication skills, and get inspired about the world of work.</p>	<b>Careers in the Curriculum</b> CV Writing Skills Year 10 PSHE
<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER SERIES</b> 4pm in Chapel	<p><b>Apprenticeship Panel</b> 4pm in Chapel</p> <p>Welcoming Gordonians currently undertaking apprenticeships in finance, project management and consulting with Amazon, the Civil Service and Ward Williams for an in-depth Q&amp;A. Hear first hand about the application process and the benefits and challenges of the apprenticeship route.</p> <p>Open to all students and parents: <a href="#">SIGN UP HERE</a></p>	<p><b>Careers in the Army</b> 4pm in Chapel</p> <p>The British Army is recognized as the largest apprenticeship provider in the world, offering a wide range of apprenticeship programs across various sectors. These programs are designed to provide learners with practical skills and knowledge that are applicable in both military and civilian contexts.</p> <p>Open to all students and parents: <a href="#">SIGN UP HERE</a></p>			

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# Is an Apprenticeship for me?

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Launching National Apprenticeship Week we welcome Gordonians currently undertaking Degree Apprenticeships within a range of industry sectors. All have secured highly competitive programmes so this is an opportunity to have your questions answered by an expert panel.

Understand more about their journey to an apprenticeship, the benefits and the challenges.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 4pm in Chapel



Lyla Gilbert – Solicitor  
Apprentice/ University of Law



Jex Kidd – Finance Degree Apprentice  
Amazon Apprentice Rising Star of 2025



Freddie Compson – Construction  
Management Degree Apprentice



UK Civil Service

Harrison Dodd – Government  
Economics Service Degree Apprentice



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# Careers in the Army

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 4pm in the Chapel



## ARMY BE THE BEST

A future in the Army offers far more than just a job — it's a chance to challenge yourself, learn new skills, and be part of something bigger. With world-class training and a wide range of roles, you could build an exciting career both at home and around the world. Discover what life in the Army is really like and see if it could be the right choice for you.

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# ELEANOR GARLAND

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
6:00pm in the Rec**

Eleanor Garland is the Station Executive for Radio 4, where she works on strategy and development for the network and commissions programmes like You and Yours and Any Questions? Before that she worked as a Producer and Editor in BBC Radio for 30 years for Radios 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Live and the World Service. She has worked across all genres of programmes from The Today Programme to Woman's Hour and The Food Programme. Eleanor also spent five years working at the World Service making Outlook, Science and Arts programmes and has won awards for documentaries made for the World Service and Radio 4.

She grew up in Pirbright, went to school in Ash Vale and then sixth form at Brooklands Tech. She has a BA from the University of York in English and Philosophy and a Post Graduate Diploma in Broadcast Journalism. Partially sighted, she is passionate about making the media – both on air and behind the scenes – more representative of the experience of everyone in the UK.



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# 2026 CAREERS FAIR

WYNTER BEE THEATRE AND POOL

30+ EDUCATORS AND BUSINESSES REPRESENTING  
A BROAD RANGE OF SECTORS.

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WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2026  
1:45PM TO  
4:30PM



- **What is the Careers Fair and why is it important?**

Careers Fairs are an excellent way to meet employers and ask lots of questions. You can find out about different jobs, about the skills you might need or the salary you could earn. You might discover career opportunities within industries you'd not considered and the motivation to work harder in school. You even have the opportunity to ask about work experience! All our delegates are committed to sharing their experience and expertise in an informal setting to support students with their career learning journeys.

- **Who will be represented?**

This year will see 30+ educators and industry professionals representing a wide range of sectors including law, finance, healthcare, leisure, public services and creative.

- **Who can attend?**

Every student in Years 8 – 13 will attend the event. A slot will be timetabled by year group and students will be accompanied to the Theatre by their teachers. In addition, parents are invited to join to join their child for the event by booking their place here: [\*\*PARENT SIGN UP\*\*](#)



**How do I make the most of it?**

- Look through the organisations who will be attending in advance
- Research the companies and industry sectors that interest you
- Consider the roles our delegates hold within their organisations – remember businesses support many roles within one organisation
- Plan who you want to speak to and make sure you seek them out on the day
- Be polite and confident about asking questions
- Follow up if you have made useful contacts. You may find an organisation is willing to offer work experience or support with future enquiries you may have

**Here are some questions you might like to ask:**

- What do you like best about your job?
- What do you like best about your company?
- Describe your typical day
- What qualifications did you need?
- What advice do you have for students who want to enter your industry?



## \*\*\*\*\* STUDENT COMPETITION \*\*\*\*\*

- Be in the running to win £££'s
- All our delegates will be asked to nominate the students with whom they have had the most engaging conversations or who have asked well informed questions.
- All nominations will be entered into the prize draw to win five £20 Amazon vouchers!
- To be in the running make sure you have done your research and carefully consider which organisations could best help you discover more about the career paths you are interested in.



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Organisation	Delegate Information and Sector	Overview	Website
	Christine Hill School Partnership Executive  EDUCATION	Activate Learning offers post-16 education in the form of vocational courses, T-Levels, A-Levels and Apprenticeships as well as Higher Education and Adult courses. We are a forward-thinking education group that aims for far-reaching, progressive change and impact through learning. We work with students as individuals, helping them make the choice of career pathway or course that's right for them and their ambitions and empowering learners to achieve their goals.	<a href="#">Activate Learning</a>
	Cpl Rabindra Malla Cpl Darren Hicks Army Outreach  Royal Army Medical Service  HEALTHCARE/ PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & DEFENCE	We are the part of British Army's efforts to engage with the public, school communities and potential recruits to raise awareness of Army Careers opportunities and life in the army.  Also represented, the Royal Army Medical Service (RAMS) provides vital medical support to ensure the operational effectiveness of the British Army. RAMS offer degree and apprenticeship pathways into roles such as Nurse, Doctor, Dentist, Biomedical Scientist, Radiographer, Combat Medic and more. Wherever you find the British Army, you will find the Royal Army Medical Service (RAMS) who can deploy at short notice anywhere in the world maintaining soldiers' health and providing care to the sick and injured.	<a href="#">RAMS</a>
	Deepti Chugh Principal Technical Account Manager  INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Automation Anywhere (aka. AA) is an agentic automation company. It provides an automation platform to its users to automate business processes and use AI technologies to make the process run autonomously with decision making capabilities. My role as a TAM is to support assigned customers (big enterprise customers like GSK, Boots etc.) in their automation journey.	<a href="#">Automation Anywhere</a>
	David Chand Practice Manager  HEALTHCARE AND OPTOMETRY	The core role of a dispensing optician is to advise on, fit and supply the frames and lenses most appropriate for each patient's visual, lifestyle and vocational needs. This includes advising on and dispensing. As well as dispensing optical equipment, dispensing opticians provide clinical advice and guidance on common eyecare conditions, including acute conditions, such as dry eye, and identify and refer those which require emergency care. Dispensing opticians work in community optical practices, and in other settings including hospitals and providing domiciliary care.  At Bayfields we combine clinical experience with a friendly relaxing atmosphere and the latest technology.	<a href="#">Bayfields Opticians &amp; Audiologists</a>

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	Kerry Wales Young Persons Employment Advisor CHARITY	The Forces Employment Charity provides life-long, life-changing support, jobs and training opportunities to Service leavers, veterans, reservists and their spouses, partners and children, regardless of circumstances, rank, length of service, or reason for leaving	<a href="#">Forces Employment Charity</a>
	Suzanne Frost Physical Education Officer  Stephen Bird Prison Officer  PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & DEFENCE	HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) is here to prevent victims by changing lives.  We work with our partners to carry out the sentences given by the courts, either in custody or the community. We reduce reoffending by rehabilitating the people in our care through education and employment. The agency is made up of HM Prison Service, Probation Service, Youth Custody Service and a headquarters focussed on creating tools and learning.	<a href="#">HM Prison Service</a>
	Sarah Ward DROP IN CAREERS ADVICE	We are an independent career services company providing careers and personal guidance services for schools. Our Service Aims are to inspire young people about careers, the world of work and education and training opportunities, and to prepare young people for adulthood employment, and career and economic well-being. Drop in during the Careers Fair to have your career questions answered.  GORDON'S CAREERS PARTNER	<a href="#">Innervate Careers</a>
	Lyndsey Spiers Student Recruitment Manager EDUCATION	Lancaster University is a highly ranked UK university with a global reputation for excellence in research and teaching. Lancaster is consistently ranked among the top 15 in all three major UK university league tables. It's a campus-based university, located on a beautiful 560-acre parkland site and proud to be one of only a handful of UK universities to have a collegiate system.	<a href="#">Lancaster University</a>
	Sasa Lemos Founder and Business Owner  SPORTS & WELLNESS	At Ora, we offer exclusive, small-class experiences for mindful movement and lasting wellness. We believe Pilates is more than a workout, it's a journey of strength, balance, and renewal. With personalized guidance, you'll discover the beauty of Pilates principles, deepen your connection to your body, and move forward in your wellness journey, one intentional step at a time.  GORDON'S CAREERS PARTNER	<a href="#">ORA Studio</a>

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 <b>THE CAREER LIFT</b> By Felicia Odumosu	Felicia Odumosu Business Management Consultant  CONSULTANCY	Career Lift is a personal CSR initiative focused on employability, career clarity, and social mobility.	<a href="#">The Career Lift</a>
 <b>ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON</b>	Claire Parkinson Schools and Colleges Liaison Manager  EDUCATION	Royal Holloway, University of London is a campus university based in Egham, Surrey. We're a top 30 university with over 250 undergraduate courses available in arts, humanities, and sciences.	<a href="#">Royal Holloway University of London</a>
 <b>KBR</b>	Eleanor Whitlock Early Careers and Talent Specialist  TECHNOLOGY, ENERGY, DEFENCE	We provide technology solutions for our clients in the energy, defence and nuclear sectors. We have a proud and extensive track record of delivering world-leading engineering, project & programme management and consulting services worldwide, including some very interesting projects in the UK. We offer opportunities from school to post-university, with work experience, apprenticeships, university work placements and graduate roles.	<a href="#">KBR</a>
 <b>SWISS EDUCATION GROUP</b>	Sophia Lopez Weitz UK/ Ireland Regional Manager  HOSPITALITY & CATERING	HIM is a business school focused on customer experience and practical learning, offering 1.5 years of work experience within a 3-year degree. At HIM, you'll strengthen your soft skills, gain real-world experience, and develop as a professional. Our Swiss hospitality approach and versatile business acumen provide you with a competitive edge that sets you apart.	<a href="#">HIM Business School</a>
 <b>SIEMENS</b>	Joshua Deakin Transactions & Portfolio Management GORDONIAN  Alex Wilson Business Graduate GORDONIAN  FINANCE & INSURANCE	Siemens Financial Services (SFS) provides financing solutions that help businesses innovate and grow. We support projects in energy, healthcare, industry, and infrastructure by offering equipment financing, project funding, and risk management.	<a href="#">Siemens Financial Services</a>

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	Luke Skinner Partnership Manager  SPORTS & LEISURE	We are a sports opportunity provider that helps facilitate pathways for students within football to destinations such as the USA and Canada on scholarships and Australia and New Zealand for playing and coaching.	<a href="#">Primus Sports Partners</a>
	James Brocklebank Engineering Manager  ENGINEERING	Chemical engineers play a pivotal role in how we live, working across every industry, across the globe, linking sectors together to help address the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. A chemical engineer uses chemistry, physics, and maths to design and optimise processes that turn raw materials into useful products like fuels, medicines, and plastics, focusing on large-scale production, efficiency, safety, and environmental impact across industries from energy to pharmaceuticals.	<a href="#">Institution of Chemical Engineers</a>
	Chanshika Ayeshi Wijesinghe Universal Banker & International Ambassador  BANKING & FINANCE	HSBC's Universal Banking arm provides a full range of banking services, from everyday retail banking to commercial and corporate solutions. It connects customers to global markets while supporting local communities. Its values focus on integrity, sustainability, and helping people and businesses thrive responsibly.	<a href="#">HSBC</a>
	Omoakhuana Ugowe Senior Financial Modeller  STEM/ TRANSPORT	The Civil Aviation Authority is the UK aviation regulator responsible for all aviation matters in the UK. I work in the Consumers and Markets Group (CMG) as a credit analyst assessing tour operators and travel agents during the renewal of their ATOL license process and also build financial models to use for financial analysis of key airports and air traffic control.	<a href="#">STEM Opportunities in Aviation</a>
	Georgina May Higher Education Advisor  EDUCATION	UEA is in Norwich, Norfolk. We are ranked 21st in the UK by the Complete University Guide 2025, UEA offers a unique and student centred environment. We offer 100+ different courses, including Medicine, Pharmacy, Law, Psychology and Engineering. Many of our courses offer placement years or study abroad options and we are globally recognised for our academic research and teaching.	<a href="#">UEA</a>

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<b>M+C SAATCHI TALENT</b>	Angharad Marsh Senior Agent  TV & MEDIA	A talent agency specialising in TV and radio presenters, celebrities and social talent. We strive to always be the most respected and committed talent management agency in the UK, transforming careers through creativity, insight and shared ambition.	<a href="#">M+C Saatchi Talent</a>
	Ben Taylor Head of Off Prmise  HOSPITALITY & CATERING	The most famous and most loved PERi-PERi chicken restaurant in the UK!	<a href="#">Nandos</a>
<b>JUST PLAY</b> 	Alex Hart Music Director  Danny Hawkins Director  CREATIVE INDUSTRIES	Musical performance and education company which works through our Recording Studio, Richmond studio, schools and community to provide musical education and opportunity for all areas of the community.  GORDON'S CAREERS PARTNER	<a href="#">Just Play / Powerhouse Studios</a>
	Katie Harel Vice President, Marketing  Emma Berry, Carlos Baldé, Matt Bartlam Partnership Sales & Strategy Executives  SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT	Oak View Group is a global venue development, live-events and hospitality company that builds, owns and operates arenas and partners on venues worldwide. We will discuss Marketing, Social Media, Graphic Design, Brand Sponsorship and Naming Rights.	<a href="#">Oak View Group</a>
	UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM  Katherine Pagett Senior Student Recruitment Officer  EDUCATION	A Russell Group university on a beautiful campus on the doorstep of an exciting city. We offer a wide range of degree subjects and opportunities to develop skills required for the working world plus opportunities to study abroad and gain valuable work experience. We're the most targeted UK university by graduate employers according to High Fliers in 2024 and 2025.	<a href="#">University of Birmingham</a>

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 <b>Seymours</b>	Lisa Athron Partner  REAL ESTATE	Seymours are a Partner run group of 20 Estate Agents in Surrey and surrounds. We operate successful sales, lettings, land and new homes businesses. We also trade under the Prestige banner for high value homes. We offer the opportunity for employees to work their way through the ranks with the ability to be a Partner in your own business for the top performers. We recruit many school leavers and offer exceptional training, both classroom and "on the job" to ensure that employees can reach their full potential. We take our commitment to our community seriously and sponsor many different events and organisations with our "patch", including lots of local schools, sports teams, Sam Beare Hospice and Woking Football Club.	<a href="#">Seymours</a>
 <b>SPACE FORGE</b>	Luke Oakes Cyber Security Analyst  SPACE SECTOR	Specialising in securing Space systems from a cyber security perspective. Space Forge creates diamonds in space via a satellite with a mini furnace on board. After a few months, this satellite returns to earth and the diamonds are harvested to be used in semiconductors to power things such as F1 cars, Fighter Jets, 5G towers. My role is helping to secure the development operations of this satellite.	<a href="#">Space Forage</a>
 <b>UNIVERSITY OF SURREY</b>	UK Student Recruitment  EDUCATION	The University of Surrey is a leading university located within the county town of Guildford, Surrey in the South-East of England. From accounting and finance to veterinary medicine and science, we have a diverse range of subject areas for your students to choose from. Most of our courses give students an opportunity to take a Professional Training placement which provides the opportunity to develop your professional and personal potential and a significant proportion of placement students at Surrey are offered graduate-level jobs or go onto postgraduate study.	<a href="#">University of Surrey</a>
 <b>UCFB</b>  WEMBLEY CAMPUS   ETIHAD CAMPUS   BURNLEY	Gareth Stobart Senior Regional Manager  EDUCATION	UCFB (University Campus of Football Business) offers a unique degree experience focused on the business of sport, combining academic learning with real industry exposure. With small class sizes and a strong focus on employability, students benefit from personalised support while parents can feel confident in a career-driven education.	<a href="#">USA Study</a>

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 <b>WARD WILLIAMS</b>	Freddie Compson Construction Management APPRENTICE & GORDONIAN  Jonny Hayes Project Management APPRENTICE  CONSTRUCTION & CONSULTANCY	<p>Ward Williams Property and Construction Consultancy helps clients with property and construction projects, including project management, quantity surveying, and development advice. We focus on practical solutions that work for our clients. As a certified B Corp, we are committed to sustainability, ethical business practices, and making a positive impact while delivering results.</p>	<a href="#">Ward Williams</a>
	Calvin Roake Director  REAL ESTATE	<p>Spicerhaart offers a broad range of service offerings covering home sales, lettings, property management, mortgages, insurances, part exchange, conveyancing and surveying. Sales covers preowned properties, new properties and repossessed properties.</p>	<a href="#">Spicer Haart</a>
	Christina Russo Medical Consultant  HEALTHCARE	<p>Established in 1998 from the merger of Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals, the trust has been on a long journey of development and improvement to its current position as the largest provider of acute hospital services to Surrey residents. Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (ASPH) serves a population of more than 410,000 people living in the boroughs of Runnymede, Spelthorne, Woking and parts of Elmbridge, Hounslow, Surrey Heath and beyond. The Trust employs around 4,800 individual members of staff. Ashford Hospital primarily provides planned care, including day case and orthopaedic surgery, as well as rehabilitation services. St Peter's Hospital focuses on delivering more complex medical and surgical care, alongside emergency services.</p>	<a href="#">ASPH</a>
 <b>Animal &amp; Plant Health Agency</b>	  HEALTHCARE & VETERINARY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & DEFENCE	<p>APHA exists to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy. Examples include responding to outbreaks of animal diseases such as bird-flu, addressing the threats of invasive species, and preserving biodiversity.</p> <p>Our people come from a wide variety of backgrounds and include Veterinarians; Scientists; Research Specialists; Frontline Animal Plant &amp; Bee Inspectors; Customer Service and Administrative Professionals. We employ over 3000 people based in Addlestone, Surrey and around the UK.</p>	<a href="#">APHA Science</a>